

on Sunday which was highly appreciated by both pastor and congregation.

In regard to the meetings at Linwood. There were four confessions. One of this number was baptized before we left and received into the church. The enemy persuaded the others to defer baptism. We trust, however, they will soon follow on. Our meetings at this place were very encouraging indeed. We were sorry to have to dismiss the services two nights but we felt that we could not afford to miss the convention at St. James, and then we had to lose two nights besides on account of severe storm and rain. This place is situated on the Western Maryland railroad about half way between Baltimore and Hagerstown, and two miles from Union Bridge, the home of my father-in-law, Elder E. W. Stoner of the German Baptist church. We held the meetings in a hall owned by a union Sunday school composed of several denominations. We paid one dollar each night for use of hall. Had the weather been favorable we would have more than covered this expense with the collections. We ask the prayers of the faithful in behalf of this work. We left our home on the 18th inst. and returned the 28th. Found all well and the work moving on as usual.

W. M. LYON.

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#### Financial Report Pennsylvania Home Mission Board

Previously reported to May 1,	\$243 84
Matilda Longenecker,	50
Lou Deffenbaugh,	50
Listie church, per L. A. Hazlett,	4 13
Total to June 1,	\$248 97

Brethren, don't we feel a little ashamed of this report? I do, and were it not for a promise, I would not have published it. Somebody is going to have a squeeze on credentials, I fear, or there must be a back down on the past conference or a good pile of money to start on for next conference year. Where are our B. E. workers? The new ones have come largely from a few sections of the brotherhood.

R. Z. REPLOGLE, Sec'y.

Johnstown, Pa.

#### A Vindication of Foreign Missions

In consequence of the many recent criticisms of missionaries and mission methods, Rev. Junius W. Millard, pastor of Eutaw Place Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., took for the subject of his morning sermon "The Vindication of Foreign Missions by One Hundred Years of History." He said, in part:

"The idea is finding lodgment in many hearts that foreign missions are failures. But if there is any feeling of discontent among Christians as to the result of the work, it must be put to the account, not of the results themselves, but of our false ex-

pectations. It is impossible to get a just perspective of any great movement in one's own day; but foreign missions are over 100 years old; and, surely, a century ought to give some sure results. And, looking at those, we claim that recent history has fully vindicated missions against all objections and censure.

"Missions have been vindicated in the widening of human knowledge at home and abroad. The benefits of science, literature and civilization rendered by missionaries are beyond computation. Priceless have been their work in rescuing languages and dialects from threatened extinction and in reducing them to grammar and dictionary.

"Missions have been vindicated in the gift to the world of a missionary manhood and womanhood, whose motives are now at length appreciated by all men. Drummond said that what he saw of the life of the missionaries in the New Hebrides helped him to understand the incarnation. The leaders of thought in the social, political and literary world are beginning to give the missionaries the commendation due them.

"But, above all, missions have been vindicated in the results achieved at home and abroad. All Christian denominations have been wheeled into line, furnishing over \$19,000,000 annually and supporting on the foreign field 15,000 missionaries, with over 70,000 native helpers. The Bible has been made accessible to nine tenths of the inhabitants of the globe. There are over 1,250,000 Christians in foreign fields, with 3,000 conversions every week. A survey of missions has become a survey of the world."

## Among the Churches

### Cambria, Ind.

Our communion at Oakville was a success. The evening was rainy and several were hindered on account of sickness, yet 75 per cent was at the table. Three of last winter's converts were baptized. Mrs. Fox was with me.

JOHN M. FOX.

### Lawford, W. Va.

Thursday evening, May 23, sister Mary Sterling met at the church with the Brethren at this place and preached several good sermons, and on Saturday evening, May 25, we had quite an enjoyable love feast. The house was crowded to overflowing; all could not get in the house. But with all of the inconvenience there was a good interest manifested.

The presence of Sister Sterling with us was highly appreciated by the Brethren, and it is easy to see that she is alive to the interest of the church.

N. D. WRIGHT.

### Dayton, Ohio

This time we have some good news to report. Last Sunday we received two into the mission by relation and six by letter making a total of eight. Others are coming soon and the work is steadily growing. We are trying hard at this time to raise money and to awaken an interest among the members. So many of our people here have for years been standing idle and it requires more than an ordinary effort to start them in the good work. When once all our people in this city become active

workers we will soon have a strong church. What a pity that we have not been making greater efforts in the cities long before now. But it is never too late to do good, is an old adage, and we hope to be able to prove the truthfulness of it in the city of Dayton. Some have said, "We will wait and see how the work will prosper, then if you prosper we will help." See here, brother, now is when we need your help, when we become able and strong we intend to help others.

Carleton, Nebraska, thru the solicitation of sister Edward Miller, of Dayton, sent in a very nice donation for the church building fund—the first church out of the state. Who will be next? We have been rather quiet, but our cause is worthy of your support.

J. L. KIMMEL.

806 South Broadway.

### To the Brethren Churches of Pennsylvania

The Annual Convention of the Brethren churches of Pennsylvania will be held in the First Brethren church of Altoona, following the Sunday School Convention. The date is October 1, 2 and 3. All communications or suggestions should be addressed to the chairman of the executive committee, Dr. W. L. Spanogle, No. 5020 West Chestnut Ave., Altoona, Pa. Let us make this the best of many good conventions.

E. E. HASKINS.

### Portis, Kansas

It has been sometime since any one wrote anything for the paper from this place. Thinking someone might be interested I wish to pen a few lines.

The church at Portis is still alive and while others may have more to report along the line of work, we feel to thank God for what little, as it may seem to some, is ours to enjoy. We can truly say that God has ever been mindful of us in the past. H. S. Enslow, our state evangelist, was with us for a short time and labored for us, and while we were permitted to attend but few of the services, we hear that our dear brother did not only labor hard for the Master to convert sinners, but brought out many instructive lessons for the members and we feel confident that much good seed has been sown that will bring forth its fruit in due season. Some have even expressed themselves as feeling that a great advance has been made against sin and wickedness. We feel sorry that the meeting had to be closed so soon but owing to the busy time of the season the church thought it best. The membership was well represented at the communion services and the feast was one long to be remembered by all. Quite a number of the friends were eye witnesses to the practices of the plain teachings of the gospel of Christ. The best of order was enjoyed for which we all feel grateful.

We only wish our churches would be willing to respond more liberally financially that our dear brother could be kept in the work continually, believing that much is left undone for lack of financial support, that is much needed in the district.

Brethren, many souls are dying for the want of the bread of life and I fear someone will be held responsible, and who will it be? It is hardly three months till our next conference and I understand there has only some \$40.00 been paid in for the service of the evangelist.

The first of June begins another quarter. May God grant that a better showing will be made. No man can possibly do this work at his own expense. At our convention last fall every member was asked to pay one dollar to the board for evangelist and such other work as the district board saw could be most profitably used. Are we responding as we should? We all appreciate the services of these brethren but let us not forget that these men can only serve as we give them opportunity. At the next convention to be held at Carleton it will be revealed just how much has been done in